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REMARKS

Election/Restriction

Claims 1-20 are pending in the application and the Examiner has restricted examination to one of Group I (claims 1-9 directed to a method of fabricating a shallow trench isolation feature) or Group II (claims 10-20 directed in part to a shallow trench isolation features and in part to a semiconductor device).

Applicants elect the invention of Group I for prosecution on the merits, with traverse.

Conclusion

If it is determined that the application is not in condition for allowance upon examination of the elected group, the Examiner is invited to initiate a telephone interview with the undersigned representative to expedite prosecution of the present application.

If there are any additional fees resulting from this communication, please charge same to our Deposit Account No. 18-0988, our Order No. H1596.

Respectfully submitted,

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